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Dear Parents / Caregivers

EOTC Letter #1

Our exciting EOTC Week for Year 4 will run from 22-25 February 2011. Nikau Team will be walking the coastal walkway to Campbell's Bay Beach on Tuesday 22 February, visiting MERC at Long Bay Beach on Thursday 24 February and sleeping over at school on the night of Thursday 24 February.

### **Tuesday 22 February: Coastal Walkway walk to Campbell's Bay Beach**

The purpose of this walk is for the children to explore the local coastline and environment we live in, and learn about why we need to keep our environment clean and green. It is also a chance for the children and teachers to get to know each other outside of school.

We will take roll at 8:30 am and leave from school at 8:45am, walk along the East Coast Bays coastline and cliff walkways, and finish at Campbell's Bay Beach where we will have lunch and do sand activities. Small groups of children at a time will also be allowed to swim, under adult supervision. Sun block is a must. Children will be reminded and assisted with reapplying sun block regularly. We will catch a bus back to school at around 2:15pm.

We will need parent helpers to walk with us, and also to be in the water, waist high, while small groups of children swim. Please indicate on the permission slip whether you are able to help with this trip and/or be in the water with swimmers. It is likely that you will need a wetsuit or neoprene leggings to stay warm.

### **Thursday 24 February: MERC**

The purpose of this visit to MERC is to give the children opportunities to experience activities in a local outdoor environment under the expert guidance of trained instructors as well as to learn to work co-operatively.

In order to fit in the activities throughout the day, we will need to be at school at 8:15am for roll, be leaving for MERC at 8:30am by bus and returning to school by 4pm. If they are late, they will be cared for in another class for the day and unfortunately miss their day of activities.

MERC supplies fully qualified instructors to take the groups but we will require some parent help.

Children will be reminded and assisted in reapplying sun block at the end of each activity.

We should be back at school by 4:15pm and the children will be sleeping over at school that night. Afternoon tea will be provided from the home baking.

The MERC Student Medical Form attached MUST be completed and sent back to school as this is MERC policy.

### **Thursday 24 February: Sleepover At School**

Our sleepover is another aspect of our EOTC programme, which we offer to all Year 4 children. It is a great opportunity for the children to experience a night away from their families, although we cannot do it without parent help. Therefore, you are most welcome to support your child during this activity. This may be by staying the night at school with us, doing the shopping for the meals or helping with cooking & serving the dinner and/or breakfast. As you can see, there are many ways you can help. Please indicate on the permission slip if you are able to assist with one of the sleepover activities.

We encourage all children to be part of this fun experience. They feel very proud of themselves when they have achieved this sleepover, staying away from their families for a night.

The gear lists for each of our EOTC activities will be provided closer to the time. Could we also remind you that the activity fee for Term 1, needs to have been paid if your child is to participate in the EOTC activities we have planned. Arrangements for part payments can be made through Diane Dearlove, our Accounts Manager in the office.

Kind regards

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